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November 17, 2000

BY HAND DELIVERY

Donald E. Campbell, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5141

Dear Mr. Campbell:

As you discussed with Bobby Burchfield on November 15, 2000, I write to request an extension of time for Schering-Plough Corporation and Schering-Plough Corporation Better Government Fund (collectively "the Company") to respond to the complaint in MUR 5141. In particular, the Company respectfully requests an extension until December 22, 2000.

Please consider the following in connection with this request. The Company received the complaint from the Commission on or about November 10, 2000. The Commission's cover letter directed the Company to respond to the complaint within 15 days. That period expires on Saturday, November 25 -- just two days after Thanksgiving. In light of the holiday and the complexity of the allegations raised in the complaint, it would be extremely difficult for the Company to provide a fulsome response in the proposed period. The extension requested by the Company, however, should permit sufficient time to investigate the allegations in the complaint and to respond to the Commission. The proposed extension, therefore, will promote the expeditious resolution of this matter.

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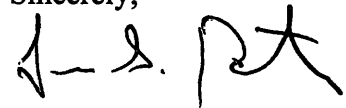
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (202) 662-5237 or Bobby Burchfield (202) 662-5230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Portnoy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James S. Portnoy

Enclosures: Designations of Counsel

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 5141

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

11/14/00
Date

William J. Silbey
Signature

William J. Silbey,

Secretary

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Schering-Plough Corporation

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Date



Signature

E. Kevin Moore, Treasurer

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